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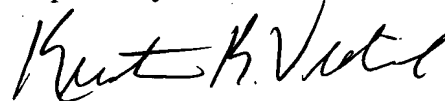
Claims 1 - 15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 8 - 14 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to better conform the claims to U.S. practice. The specification is also amended herein to replace the Sequence Listing. No new matter is added.

The attached paper copy and computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing are submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825. The contents of the paper copy and the computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter is added. Support for the information provided in the Sequence Listing can be found in the original Sequence Listing and in the specification on page 13, for example.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Early and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Sequence Listing (paper and computer-readable copies)

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